

# Fright for champions

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Wycombe Wanderers(1) 2  
Hendon.....(0) 1  
THOUGH beaten 2-1 by champions Wycombe Wanderers at Claremont Road on Tuesday, it was Hendon, who won all the praises.

"We were disgraceful," stormed Wycombe's assistant manager John Rardon, "and I have told them so in no uncertain manner," he continued after watching Hendon provide most of the excitement in a game they did not deserve to lose.

Brian Lee, boss of high flying Wycombe, also slammed his players for what he considered an inept display.

"Hendon played with spirit, while we played like cheats," he said.

Happier in defeat was Hendon manager Bill Fisher, who praised his players for their "magnificent performance."

Fisher is unlikely to make any changes for the visit of Leatherhead to Claremont Road tomorrow (Saturday), and

if his players can produce a repeat of this high calibre display then their former idol, goalkeeper John Swannell, now with Leatherhead, could be in for a testing time.

by Fred Harris

But the Hendon manager will have to be alert to keep the players hastily signed to replace last season's departures.

Players like Steve Jefferies, Bob Southam and Eggie James are fast making an impact, and Slough manager Roy Sleaf, the former Hendon international, watched with interest the tremendous midfield performance of Roy Davies. Sleaf was accompanied by Roy's brother, Barry Davies, who is already with Slough.

James, recovered from hamstring trouble which kept him out of Hendon's two previous matches, and Jefferies were let loose against Wycombe's defence in Hendon's new 4-4-2 formation. They proved more than a match for former Hendon Welsh international centre-half Alan Phillips, now skipper of Wycombe, and Keith Mead.

But Hendon were caught out just before the interval by a Tony Horseman corner. The

ball was headed away to Howard Kennedy, who blasted through a ruck of players from just outside the area to give Wycombe an undeserved lead.

The impressive Jefferies equalised ten minutes after the interval. He outpaced the Wycombe defence to collect a through ball from Haider and beat John Maskell with a rising shot.

Worried Wycombe substituted striker Keith Searle with Welsh international Dylan Evans on the hour. Hendon left their 12th man, Vic Cogger, on the sidelines.

## Offside?

Hendon were pressing hard when Wycombe broke away for the winner 14 minutes from time. There was a suspicion of offside when Horseman, sent away by Christ's College schoolmaster Steve Perrin, raced nearly half the length of the field before slotting wide of luckless Arthur Paisley.

Hendon: A. Paisley, D. Poole, M. Cooper, J. Field, B. Stevens, R. Haider, S. Jefferies, J. Wilson, R. Davies, R. Southam, E. James. Substitute: V. Cogger.

Wycombe Wanderers: J. Maskell, P. Birdseye, D. Bullock, K. Mead, A. Phillips, G. MacKenzie, A. Horseman, H. Kennedy, K. Searle (withdrawn), M. Holifield, S. Perrin. Substitute: D. Evans.